Transferring Into BSN Program at Saint Xavier University

Note: Information is subject to change. See www.sxu.edu/admissions/transfer/nursing.asp for the most current information.

The School of Nursing at Saint Xavier University offers a highly demanding curriculum designed to provide graduates with the diversified skills needed to practice as a generalist with other health professionals in the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health. The undergraduate nursing curriculum is founded on a strong liberal arts and sciences orientation, with a focus on caring and developing leadership and management abilities. The competitive program offers admission to qualified new and continuing students both spring and fall semesters each academic year. Evening coursework is not offered at this time.

Application Completion Deadlines

The Spring semester deadline is October 1st.
The Fall semester deadline is February 15th.

Students must complete the entire application process by the deadline before being considered for admission. In order to complete the application process, all students must complete the following steps: Complete an application and submit all supplemental materials (official college transcripts from ALL colleges attended, the one-page essay, and TEAS-V test score).

Admission Checklist

Only complete application files submitted by the deadline dates will be considered for admission.

APPLY – Complete and submit an online undergraduate application with a waived application fee. An email confirmation upon receipt of a complete undergraduate application will be emailed to the student. Include “Nursing” as the intended major on the application. Students interested in pursuing a degree in nursing at Saint Xavier MUST indicate nursing as their major of choice on their application.

PERSONAL ESSAY STATEMENT – When completing the essay portion of the online application, explain in detail why the applicant is pursuing Nursing as the intended major and why the applicant has chosen Saint Xavier University. If an applicant fails to fully explain the requests, the application will not be complete.

TRANSCRIPTS – Request and submit ALL official transcripts from ALL previously attended college/university settings. Please send all official documentation to the Office of Admission at the Chicago Campus located at 3700 West 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60655. If a student fails to disclose all official transcripts at the time of admission, the applicant’s application will automatically be withdrawn and no longer considered eligible for review for the College of Nursing.

TEAS-V – All applicants must take the TEAS-V test (Test of Essential Academic Skills). Applicants may only take the exam TWICE. A score of “proficient” or higher is required for consideration for Nursing Admission. To register for an exam, visit https://www.sxu.edu/academics/resources/records_advising/advising/teas.asp
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS – Letters of Recommendation, references and work experience are not required, but given meaningful consideration in admission.

Admission Criteria

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. The program is extremely competitive and the most qualified applicants are offered admission.

If at least a college-level chemistry and biology course has not been completed at the time of admission, the applicant must submit their official final high school transcript in addition to all official college/university transcripts. (It is recommended that transfer students complete at least one college-level chemistry and biology course before applying to the University).

Applicants must have at least a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA to be reviewed for admission. Due to the competitive nature of the program, the most qualified candidates far exceed this minimum. Grades of “C” or better in science/science supportive coursework with minimum withdrawn and repeated courses are considered eligible for review. Applicants may only repeat a science course one time and may only repeat two science courses total. **The strongest academically based applicants are granted admission.**

Applicants must complete a TEAS-V test and must achieve the “proficient level” in order to be considered for admission.

Regardless of previously completed nursing supportive coursework, **admitted** transfer nursing students may be required to complete at least twelve semester hours of coursework at Saint Xavier University while maintaining at least a 2.75 GPA before being allowed to begin nursing clinical courses. **Note: some supportive courses have pre-requisites.**

Students are also responsible for completing and clearing a criminal background check as a condition of admission to the nursing program and must do so annually thereafter. Additionally, students are required to test negative for drugs in a screening prior to beginning their clinical experience and as required by clinical agencies.

TEAS-V SCORING:

- Exemplary
- Advanced
- Proficient
- Basic
- Developmental